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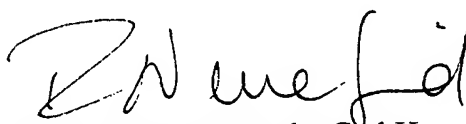
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Method of detecting microorganisms in a sample

VERIFICATION OF TRANSLATION

I, Dr. Regina Neuefeind, herewith confirm that I am conversant with the English language and the attached translation is a complete and faithful translation of the international patent application PCT/EP00/03989 as filed in the German language.

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